

Regional Access Committee (RAC) Meeting – Online
December 16, 2011
10A – 11A
Minutes

Meeting Called by: PJ Grier, RML

Present:

Pam Lovera – Prince William Hospital, VA Pat Thibodeau – Duke, NC
Karen Roth - Morton Plant Mease Health Care, FL Steve Wilson – USC

Introductions:

Thanked Pam for accepting the Committee Chair and being the committee's representative to the RML Oversight Committee. PJ also welcomed new and returning members.

Discussion:

Reviewed mission statement: <http://nnlm.gov/sea/about/rac/access/> to determine if it needed updating.

Briefly discussed the 2011-2016 Contract Statement about network membership and the types of new members the RML plans to attract over the next five years. The contract statement was circulated to members with the Agenda, prior to the meeting. RML membership commitments by the end of 2016 are to enroll 60 new members, which is a 5% increase of baseline. Breakdown is:

- 20 from public libraries
- 10 from community colleges
- 10 from health centers or health profession associations
- 15 community and faith groups
- 5 HBCUs, HACUs

Today's focus was on finding ways of attracting Community Colleges having allied health professions programs to the network, since it is part of the Outreach and Access Coordinator's target populations. Of the 272 community colleges in our region, only 4 are network members. Each member agreed to "tease-out" how community colleges are organized, electronically, in their respective states and from there identify ones having health professions programs. Members felt that in subsequent meetings, the Chair should invite the Consumer Health Coordinator (for public libraries), the Community Health Coordinator (for community and faith groups) and the Public Health Coordinator (for health centers and public health professions) to explain their activities in attracting new members. Although Regional Extension Centers ([REC](#)) were not expressly covered in the network membership portion of the RML's 2011-2016 contract statement, NLM does see RECs as possible entities for RML collaborations.

Action Items:

GOAL: To develop a usable list of community colleges having health professions programs in SE/A region.

Pam, Pat, Karen and Steve:

will “tease-out” how community colleges are organized, electronically, in their respective states and from there identify ones having health professions programs.

Pat – *working through NC AHECs*

Karen – *working through [ACRL](#) and [CCLA](#)*

Steve – *working through [SCIWAY](#)*

PJ:

will revise first sentence of mission statement to make it less awkward

will ask Colette Becker, RML webmaster, to update the RAC webpage with new mission statement and new member registry

will “tease-out” how community colleges are organized, electronically, in AL, GA, MD, MS, TN and WV and from there identify ones having health professions programs.

GOAL: To schedule next RAC meeting

Pam, as chair, will determine when the next meeting should be convened.